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Identical letters dated 21 August 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

I wish to transmit to you the attached letter dated 21 August 2000 from Dr. Sa'dun Hamadi, Speaker of the National Assembly, concerning the persistent aggression of the Saudi Arabian and Kuwaiti regimes against Iraq, the fact that they make their airbases available to the warplanes of the United States of America and the United Kingdom which shell Iraqi economic and civilian institutions and that they finance all the hostilities that are being committed against Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Saeed H. **Hasan**
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I wish to draw Your Excellency's attention to the extremely serious situation arising from the continuation of the barbaric acts of aggression committed by the United States of America and the United Kingdom against Iraq. On 12 and 13 August 2000, United States and British warplanes, coming from bases in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, committed a further crime by indiscriminately shelling civilians in civilian residential districts and food storage warehouses in Muthanna Governorate in the south of Iraq, killing two people and wounding 24 civilian citizens.

Between the attack in December 1998 and the present, a total of 18,607 sorties have been flown in the south of Iraq by United Kingdom and United States warplanes taking off from the territory of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, killing 311 citizens and injuring 927 others. The Kuwaiti and Saudi Arabian regimes, in an attempt to undermine the firm resolve and steadfastness of purpose of the Iraqi people, have also persisted in their wicked hostility against Iraq and its people and in their determination to kill Iraqis and destroy their property and their civilian installations.

In spite of the flagrant violations of the Charter and procedures of the United Nations, the Security Council, which is the principal body involved in this connection, has been beset by a general paralysis and has been unable to take any immediate collective measures.

The international condemnation of the United States and British aggression has not emanated from the Security Council but has come extensively from the Governments and peoples of Member States on the basis that all the resolutions of the Security Council, including in particular resolutions 687 (1991) and 688 (1991), confirm the commitment of all Member States to the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of Iraq.

Iraq strongly condemns these repeated acts of aggression and, at the same time, we hold all the Saudi Arabian and Kuwaiti regimes fully responsible for prolonging the most comprehensive blockade in the world and for the repeated barbaric attacks against Iraq. In addition, we demand the immediate lifting of the unjust blockade that has been imposed on Iraq and has been applied with extreme severity against it, and we also demand an immediate end to the barbaric daily bombardment by United States and British warplanes of civilian and economic sites. It must be affirmed that the Saudi Arabian and Kuwaiti regimes are making available their territories as bases for United States and British warplanes and that they are financing all the hostilities that are being committed against Iraq.

(*Signed*) Dr. Sa'dun **Hamadi**
Speaker, National Assembly

21 August 2000